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DES MOINES - Consultants and producers who are required to use the phosphorus or P index in their manure management plans should select yield data for specific soils, and not use the county average yields.

The county-specific soil type is available in the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), available online through the NRCS Web site at <http://www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/>.

Using county average yields to estimate soil loss can underestimate the soil loss for steeper slopes. That can result in more erosion, and potentially place more phosphorus in streams. More information is available in an EcoNews Wire article on the DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/news/eco/06apr13eco.pdf>.

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New Format for DNR Forms

DES MOINES - The DNR is changing the format for legal descriptions in the manure management plan (MMP) and other forms, so that all animal feeding operations forms read the same way. Producers and consultants should get the latest copy of DNR forms from the Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/forms.html>.

It is critical to get the right legal description on the forms, especially when site reviews are required for new projects that don't have 911 addresses.